

IV. Remarks/Arguments

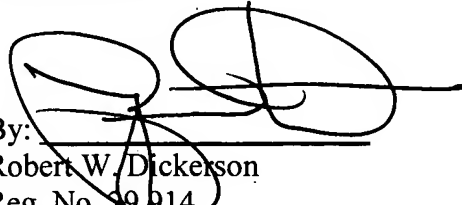
Independent claims 1 and 16 have been amended according to the agreement reached with the Examiner during the telephone interview today, and are thus in a condition for allowance.

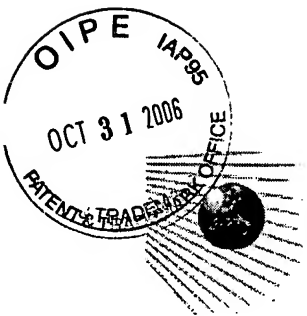
WHEREFORE, Applicant believes that all formal matters have been complied with, that this Third Proposed Amendment After Final does meet the criteria for entry, and that all of the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance, and thus Applicant respectfully requests that this Third Proposed Amendment After Final be entered, and that a Notice of Allowance of all pending claims as stated herein be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Subject draft claim language

Dear Examiner Rowan: During our telecon this morning at 11 am your time, I'd like to discuss the following draft claim language:

Claim 1 (currently amended, third amendment): An electric deterrent device comprising:

- a) ~~a n-elongate flexible~~ base having at least two areas which are of a non-conductive material;
- b) said base being attachable to a surface;
- c) at least a pair of electricity conducting elements attached to said non-conductive areas of said base, each said element comprising ~~a plurality of~~ three or more smaller strands interwoven braided together to form a braided ~~each said~~ element, wherein when said base is bent in convex or concave flex the compression or extension stress placed on said braided elements is at least partially absorbed by individual strands expanding apart from, or contracting towards, one another; ~~and~~
- d) said braided elements being attachable respectively to the positive and negative terminals of a power source; and
- e) said braided elements attached to said base by sewing.

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